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Thierry CHAPUS et al. Confirmation No.: 8123  
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Title: PROCESS AND APPARATUS EMPLOYING A PLURALITY OF CATALYTIC  
BEDS IN SERIES FOR THE PRODUCTION OF LOW SULPHUR GAS OIL

PETITION TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED

FOREIGN PRIORITY CLAIM UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.55(c)

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Sir:

Acceptance of the unintentionally delayed claim for priority, made in the attached Declaration and Application Data Sheet, is respectfully requested. The entire delay between the date the claim was due under paragraph (a)(1) of this section and the date the claim was filed was unintentional.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the petition fee and/or any other fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,

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